

· THE JAN BREEL HOUSE ·
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JAN BREESE HOUSE
EAST GREENBUSH, N. Y.

This house is typical of the early 18th Century Dutch farms of which there remain several on both sides of the Hudson River below Albany.

The following information was secured from the present owner and occupant, Mrs. Cathline Brece Finkle, who is a descendant of the original owner and has lived in the house for sixteen years: (BREESE

Mrs. Finkle states that the house was built in 1723 by Jan Bries, a settler from England whose family occupied it for about one hundred years. In view of the builders name however it seems more likely that he came from Holland. The surname is apparently spelled in a number of different ways including the following - Bries, Brece, Breese.

The hand made Holland brick, the swallow-tail brick* in the gable ends and the fleur-de-lys wrought-iron anchors are typical of the period. The windows originally had heavy solid batten shades** none of which now remain, although the wrought-iron hold backs exist.

* Tumbling.

** Shutters.

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